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Second performance report

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

SECTION 34B-G. SPECIAL EXPENSES

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Table 34B-G.1

Summary of projected expenditure for the biennium 1992-1993 by section, main object of expenditure and main determining factor

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Revised 1992-1993 appropriation	*Projected changes*					*Proposed 1992-1993 final appropriation*
		Rates of exchange	*Inflation*	*Decisions of policy-making organs*	*Other changes*	*Total*	
B. After-service health insurance	19 800.7	(33.9)	1 763.2	-	2 387.8	4 117.1	23 917.8
C. Compensatory payments	1 575.0	(1.6)	(8.0)	-	167.8	158.2	1 733.2
D. General insurance	1 073.7	-	(6.2)	-	(98.3)	(104.5)	969.2
E. Bank charges	154.4	-	(0.9)	-	(81.3)	(82.2)	72.2
F. Inter-organizational security measures	118.7	-	(1.3)	500.0	121.7	620.4	739.1
G. Advances to UNITAR	-	-	-	582.7	-	582.7	582.7
Total	22 722.5	(35.5)	1 746.3	1 082.7	2 497.7	5 291.7	28 014.2

Explanations regarding the changes in respect of rates of exchange and inflation may be found in Part I of the present report and are not repeated here. Explanations regarding the changes in respect of the decisions of policy-making organs and appearing under other changes are described below.

B. After-service health insurance

Other changes (Increase: $2,387,800)

34B.1 The increase under this heading is due to an increase in the number of participants in the after-service health insurance plan compared with the membership estimated at the time of preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 at an annual average of 3,780 participants. Actual membership in the after-service health insurance plan at all three duty stations where the plan is administered was 4,226 in 1992 and 4,424 in 1993, including 2,910 and 3,032 respectively in New York, 1,176 and 1,242 in Geneva and 140 and 150 in Vienna.

C. Compensatory payments

Other changes (Increase: $167,800)

34C.1 This increase reflects the actual expenditure trend in claims settlements.

D. General insurance

Other changes (Decrease: $98,300)

34D.1 The decrease under this heading reflects the actual expenditure trend and more favourable premium rates than originally projected for the current biennium.

E. Bank charges

Other changes (Decrease: $81,300)

34E.1 The decrease projected under this heading is due to the fact that no agreement has been reached for paying for granting services on a fee-for-service basis as had initially been anticipated for the biennium. The new arrangement, which it is estimated will cost approximately $200,000 per biennium, should help avoid certain costs of the current banking arrangement and help bring about increased interest earnings.

F. Inter-organizational security measures

34F.1 The total additional requirements of $620,400 under this heading, which represent the United Nations share of 1992-1993 expenditures on inter-organizational security measures, relate to:

(a) Decisions of policy-making organs (Increase: $500,000)

Expenditures in the amount of $500,000 were incurred on the basis of commitment authority under the terms of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1992-1993, mainly in connection with emergency security situations in a number of countries (Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Eritrea, Haiti and Rwanda), security assessment missions to Algeria, Armenia, northern Iraq, Kenya, Somalia, Turkey, Yemen and Zaire, and in connection with life insurance at hazardous duty stations and the requirements of the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator;

(b) Other changes (Increase: $121,700)

This increase represents the combined effect of additional requirements of $162,300 in connection with life insurance at hazardous duty stations, which are offset in part by savings of $40,600 mainly under travel, over and above a

provision of $393,900 for life insurance, accommodated through the mechanism of the commitment authority, as outlined under (a) above.

G. Advances to UNITAR

Decisions of policy-making organs (Increase: $582,700)

34G.1 In its resolution 47/219 of 23 December 1992, the General Assembly decided to authorize the Secretary-General to commit funds not exceeding $400,000 by advances from the Working Capital Fund to cover all costs related to the provision of security and maintenance of the premises of the Institute, as well as the costs of maintaining the existing number of staff members for whom placement was to be sought elsewhere within the United Nations system.

34G.2 On the recommendation of the Fifth Committee (A/47/914), the General Assembly, in approving resolution 47/227 of 8 April 1993, decided to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitment of an additional $200,000 to cover the requirements of UNITAR through June 1993 and decided also that the actual additional requirements should be reported in the context of the final performance report for the biennium 1992-1993.

34G.3 On this basis, total requirements of UNITAR for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1993 are estimated in the amount of $582,700, as follows:

(a) Posts ($320,000): the cost of maintaining the remaining staff members of UNITAR until 30 June 1993 and the cost of separation of one staff member upon retirement;

(b) Other staff costs ($40,000): relates to requirements under general temporary assistance for two security officers;

(c) General operating expenses ($180,000): includes provisions for rental and maintenance of premises ($50,000), maintenance of equipment ($15,000), communications ($45,000) and miscellaneous services ($70,000);

(d) Supplies ($5,500): for requirements during the six-month period;

(e) Equipment ($20,000): for replacement of defective office automation equipment;

(f) Fellowships and contribution ($17,200): to cover fellowship requirements of the Institute.